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Mr. W. G. Conn
3250 Port of Benton
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Dear Mr. Conn:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has evaluated the October 6, 1995, letter regarding the "Integrity Assessment of Tank System Located in Room 32 of Building 325." The argument presented by Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) appears sound and supported by sufficient information to justify relief from seismic restraints for existing piping associated with tank system TK-1. Ecology concurs tank system TK-1 can operate in compliance with the intent of WAC 173-303-640, without seismic restraints.

In reviewing the letter, several questions were raised. Please address the following:

- specify if existing runs of pipe were constructed with welded joints,
- specify if existing corrosion protection is adequate to cover existing piping, and
- explain how abandoned transfer piping will be regulatory management (if the new tank proposed to accommodate the closure of the 340 Building materializes).

It would be appropriate to address these issues in the unit manager meeting for the 325 Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit.

If you have any questions, please call me at (509) 736-3019.

Sincerely,

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